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17 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: []

FROM: []

SUBJECT: BGFIEND Monthly Activities Report for the Period 15 February
14 March 1953, Inclusive

1. Personnel

The BGFIEND Desk [] is composed of 15 persons. They are assigned primary duties and responsibilities as follows:

Direction, Plans and Administration	- 5
Case Officer duties	- 4
Training	- 4
Operational Support	- 1
Secretarial duties	- 1

This represents an increase of three staff employees during the past month. [] entered on duty 13 March to relieve [] as [] of BGFIEND. [] entered on duty 9 March as an OBATLANTIS training officer. [] transferred from Commo during this period to assume case officer duties for BGFIEND.

2. Production

- a. Positive reports - 3
- b. Dispatches - 22
- c. Cables - 34

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3. Support functions

Provision of material to [] for P/W activities on a routine basis.

4. Operational Activity

a. Operational activities implemented or acted upon

(1) Apple Tree Team remains in Albania. A successful dummy supply drop to two D/Z's outside their area of operations was made on the night of 20 February. The purpose of the drop was to divert the attention of security forces operating in Apple's vicinity.

(2) Observant. Gadunce has completed his card file of Albanian exiles and is back in Northern Greece conducting interrogations of recent exfiltrates.

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(3) Oblavate

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(3) Oblavate. Gaccent continues to report on activities at Lavrion.

(4) Delay in acquiring a landing craft from the Greek Navy postponed the commencement of work on OBATLANTIS. The craft was finally made available on 12 March and delivered building materials, equipment and personnel to OBATLANTIS on 13 March. The construction crew broke ground at the site on that day.

b. CE activities

None

c. Future operations in planning stage - recruitment of training program

(1) We have been advised of three team leaders to be provided by RNCASTING. We are planning at least on two more.

(2) The four W/T trainees and Ibrahim Kulla are continuing their W/T training here.

(3) Matiani, Gash, Alikaj, Gadummy and Plaku are standing by for 1953 operations.

(4) Albeat is standing by awaiting operational clearance.

d. Inactive operations

(1) Willow Team members are being sustained on the local economy pending their next assignment in the spring.

(2) Fig Team members are being sustained on the local economy pending their next assignment in the spring.

(3) Throttler Team members are being sustained on the local economy pending their next assignment in the spring.

e. Terminated operations

None

f. Conclusions

Our regular contacts with Apple continue and are yielding useful information.

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The months activities

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The months activities were highlighted by the commencement of construction at OBATLANTIS, which we now estimate will be ready for use about 15 June.

With [] arrival to replace [] the
BGFIEND field complement is at full strength.

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